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WHAT WILL THE FARMER DO?

A correspondent of the "Rural World" asks "what will the farmers do?" And under this caption, he proceeds to point out the numerical strength of the farmers, the power they might bring to bear, in the interest of public virtue and honest government, and reminds them that instead of being the ruling power, they are ruled by cliques, taxed by dishonest demagogues and sorely oppressed by villainous rings that grow rich and powerful at the expense of the producing classes. What the farmers will do, no prophet has foreseen; what they ought to do, is a question more easily answered. They ought to organize, not only in self-defense, but for the acquisition and dissemination of the knowledge, so much needed, for the successful development of agriculture. They ought to educate themselves to the point of a thorough understanding of its great importance, as the one pursuit without which commerce would cease, the arts and sciences become valueless and life itself extinct. And whilst thus preparing themselves to play well their part as the pillars of civilization, they ought to read and reason, that they may understand the structure of their government and their duties as citizens, that they may be better able to reform abuses and infuse into its administration that high integrity, the absence of which accounts for the heavy burdens they now bear, and the dangers which threaten the liberties it is in their power to preserve.

A knowledge of the important relation which the farmer bears to all other vocations and of the benevolent influence he may exert, politically, morally and commercially, must be acquired by education. As the blind follower in the footsteps of his predecessor, and the unreasoning tool of the demagogue, he never rise above the condition of a hewer of wood and drawer of water for dishonest combinations and designing politicians. Whilst the farmers are content to be the drudges of the world, they ought not to be surprised that all other classes combine to cheat and oppress them, and so long as they are submissive, the prices of their products will be fixed by grain and stock rings and the rates of freight dictated by railroad combinations. If knowledge is power, ignorance is weakness—this simple truism, any farmer can understand and deduce from it, the logical inference that, so long as he remains ignorant, he will be victimized by knowledge whether acquired from books, or intercourse with the business world. And since farmers have not the leisure, for the acquisition of knowledge by the latter means, he must rely upon books and newspapers for information bearing upon his vocation and the markets of the world. To be successful and to make himself a power in the land, he must learn to cultivate his land to the best advantage and keep posted as to the value of its products.

The first step towards the acquisition of this knowledge is, in our opinion, the organization of a club in each Civil District, to meet as often as practicable—not to discuss neighborhood gossip, but to interchange views and experiences; to investigate the relative values of different grains and breeds of stock and their adaptations—the first to particular soils, and the latter to the purposes for which they are intended; to consider the best means of multiplying manures and the time and mode of application to the soil. These and many other questions of importance will suggest themselves to the club, but whether with profit, will depend upon the zeal of the members for the work of improvement and the earnestness with which each one will perform his part in the investigation of the subject proposed for discussion or experiment. In addition to its agricultural character, the club should also constitute itself a newspaper club for procuring an agricultural paper—the Rural Sun for instance—which is, the ablest source of and best adapted to this institute, nor will it be amiss to subscribe for and circulate the Nashville Journal of Commerce, that the club may inform itself of what is doing in real estate, immigration, labor, mining and manufacturing—all of which subjects are intimately connected with a thorough development of agriculture.

Apart from the increased prosperity and general happiness that would result from such organizations, extended, as they should be, throughout the country and put in close connection with each other, the general knowledge derived from their proper management, added to the compact power of close association, would elevate agriculture to its proper dignity and give to farmers the conservative influence over government and public morals which has been forfeited through want of pride in their vocation, and appreciation of its invaluable importance to all the interests of civilization.

District Clubs to advance agriculture and District schools to advance farmers in the knowledge essential to them. Call up and see them. [See page 14.]

CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

The attention of the members of the Clarksville Bar and citizens, having cases before the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, is respectfully invited to the following order, in which the business of this court will take up at its January Term, 1873, and the same will be adjourned January Term of the Court, which are not mentioned herein, will be called, and disposed of during the 4th week of the term.

J. E. RICE, Judge.

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